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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/05/2008 was filed. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. English translation papers and other denoted in arguments and remarks is here forth made of record.

Response to Amendment

No claims were amended.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/5/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In regards to the applicant's remarks, claims recite the limitations not taught by cited references "using the adjacent positioning relationships at the radio device to identify at least one carrier radio station to route the radio transmission". The examiner disagrees, as stated by the references in paragraph 63, wherein the well known method of scatternet defined: "as a system made of multiple wireless networks, which are connected to each other by one or more wireless links (called hops). The networking system functions to discover the links between these different groups of mobile devices and to build and update those paths so any user can communicate with any other user, as long as each device has a link to one of the networks that form the scatternet. This autonomous system of mobile devices may operate in isolation or , may have gateways to interface with a fixed, i.e., wire, network." Therefore,

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the radio station been described in this limitation is that of gateways been defined to be fixed, i.e. wired, networks, among other things as define by Gandolfo.

Therefore, the Gandolfo reference teaches at least one carrier radio station to route the radio transmission, paragraph 63 defines scatternets and in there, among other things, is mentioned that, "mobile devices can communicate with any other user, as long as each device has a link to one of the networks that form the scatternet," furthermore, "the networking system functions to discover the links between these different groups of mobile devices and to build and update those paths", hence, radio device identifies at least one carrier radio station and updates and build those communication paths. The argument is made that Gandolfo reference is merely discovering and updating wireless links between multiple overlapping or adjacent wireless networks, failing to meet the limitation recited in claim 12, the examiner disagrees, since the reference of Gandolfo does teach in fig. 3 with description in paragraph 10 as to Pico-net wherein the controller in relation to mobile devices may interact with one another through different wireless links, as mentioned: primary and secondary links, therefore, one can see that adjacent mobile devices can communicate with vicinity devices or among each other in the area of the radio device or controller meeting the limitation recited in claim 12. The applicant's further remarks recite the same deficiencies, however, the examiner has read the limitations recited in the claims giving them the broadest reasonable breadth, therefore, the examiner recommends including in limitations the meaning of this "adjacent positioning relationships" since it seem to be the argument of contrast.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 12- 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gandolfo (US 20030224787 A1).

Regarding claim 12. Gandolfo discloses a method for determining a route for a radio transmission between a first radio station and a second radio station in a radio communications system (abstract, title, fig. 3, 6a-c, 8; ¶¶: 36-39, Gandolfo teaches route and control of radio transmission between devices within a communications system) having the first radio station (fig. 5, element 521a), the second radio station (fig. 5, element 522a), a plurality of potential carrier radio stations (fig. 5, elements 523a-524a) and a radio device (fig. 5, element 510a) (abstract, title, fig. 3, 6a-c, 8; ¶¶: 40, 41, 64-65, Gandolfo teaches first, second, plurality of devices, and a radio device in a network system), comprising: sending a request to determine a route between the first and second radio stations (¶¶: 5, 38, 41, 50; Gandolfo teaches using physical layers in order to route information between initiating device and recipient); using the adjacent positioning relationships at the radio device to identify at least one carrier radio station to

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route the radio transmission (§: 28-30, 37-38, 41; Gandolfo teaches proximity wireless systems that show relationship between the mobile devices and base stations or nodes), the at least one carrier radio station being identified in response to the request to determine a route (§: 46, 49, 74-75, 78-79, Gandolfo teaches extracting information to relay information from one device to another); sending identification information from the radio device to the first radio station and/or the second radio station to identify the at least one carrier radio station (§:74-79, Gandolfo teaches information from one service node to adjacent node overlapping providing information about services and status of network); and after the identification information has been sent, identifying at least one additional carrier radio station at the radio stations of the radio communications system (§:74-79, Gandolfo teaches information from one service node to adjacent node overlapping providing information about services and status of network); and routing the radio transmission between the first radio station and the second radio station using the carrier radio stations identified by the radio device and the radio stations (§:74-79, Gandolfo teaches information from one service node to adjacent node overlapping providing information about services and status of network).

Regarding claim 28. Gandolfo discloses a radio device for a radio communication system having a first radio station (fig. 5, element 521a), a second radio station (fig. 5, element 522a), and a plurality of potential carrier radio stations(fig. 5, elements 523a- 524a) (abstract, title, fig. 3, 6a-c, 8; §: 36-39, 82-99, Gandolfo teaches route and control of radio transmission between devices

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within a communications system), comprising: a memory to store adjacent positioning relationships between the radio stations of the radio communications system (¶: 102, Gandolfo teaches memory of adjacent wireless network device); a unit to use the adjacent positioning relationships to identify at least one carrier radio station to route a radio transmission on a path between the first radio station and the second radio station (abstract, title, fig. 6a-c, ¶: 68-69, 74-79, 82-99, Gandolfo teaches radio stations and mobile devices and several configurations and arrangements), the at least one carrier radio station being identified in response to a request for routing (abstract, ¶: 39-41, 63, 68-69, 74-75, Gandolfo teaches information gather from mobile device as to protocols described in Gandolfo, otherwise, no service is provided); and a transmitter to send identification information identifying the at least one carrier radio station (fig. 5, ¶: 9-10, 74, Gandolfo teaches mobile devices have capability to transmit information and receive information from network), the identification information being transmitted to the first radio station and/or the second radio station so that after the identification information is sent, the radio stations will determine at least one additional carrier radio station to complete the path between the first radio station and the second radio station (abstract, title, fig. 3, 6a-c, 8; ¶: 36-39, 82-99, Gandolfo teaches route and control of radio transmission between devices within a communications system in several configurations).

Consider claim 13. The method in accordance with claim 12, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device, to identify at least one carrier radio station, selects the at least one carrier radio station from a plurality of radio stations for

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which the radio device has adjacent positioning relationships (fig. 6a-c, abstract, title, ¶: 9-10, 12, 36-41, 46-50, 63, 68-69, 74-79, 82-99, Gandolfo teaches radio stations within their range of communication determined master controller and assume the role of slave as the protocols stated in reference of Gandolfo).

Consider claim 14. The method in accordance with claim 12, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device sends the first radio station identification information to identify a third radio station as the at least one carrier radio station (fig. 3, ¶: 65, Gandolfo teaches mobile devices may be connected with other devices, hence, first radio station may be interacting with a third radio station receiving identification information of the first radio station), and the radio device does not send the second radio station any identification information (fig. 3, ¶: 65, 66 Gandolfo teaches mobile devices may be connected with other devices, hence, first radio station may be interacting with a third radio station receiving identification information of the first radio station, as stated in Gandolfo it is not necessary that the first radio station has to communicate with another device, say the second radio station).

Consider claim 15. The method in accordance with claim 14, Gandolfo discloses wherein the first radio station, after receiving the identification information relating to the third radio station, initializes the determination of a route between the first radio station and the third radio station (fig. 8, element 840), and the third radio station between the third radio station and the second radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between

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devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Consider claim 16. The method in accordance with claim 12, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device identifies a plurality of carrier radio stations (fig. 5, 6a-c, 8, Gandolfo teaches radio identifying a plurality of carrier radio stations as information is broadcasted throughout the network), the first radio station after receiving identification information relating to the plurality of carrier radio stations (fig. 5, 6a-c, 8, ¶: 82-99, 108, 110, Gandolfo teaches radio identifying a plurality of carrier radio stations as information is broadcasted throughout the network), initializes the determination of a route between the first radio station and one of the plurality of carrier radio stations, and at least one of the carrier radio stations identified by the radio device initializes the determination of a route (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information): between the relevant carrier radio station and another carrier radio station identified by the radio device (fig. 5, 8; ¶: 70-80, 108, 110, 112 Gandolfo teaches routing planning between device and multiple devices including hops and multi-hops), or between the relevant carrier radio station and the second radio station (fig. 5, 8; ¶: 70- 80, 108, 110, 112 Gandolfo teaches routing planning between device and multiple devices including hops and multi-hops).

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Consider claim 17. The method in accordance with Claim 12, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device identifies at least a third radio station and a fourth radio station as carrier radio stations (fig. 6a-c, 8, ¶: 82-99, 108, 110, Gandolfo teaches method of identifying hops or radio carrier stations of information to the targeted device planning routing path), the radio device sends the first radio station identification information to identify the third radio station (fig. 6a, ¶: 36-38, 82-85, Gandolfo teaches 510a can communicate information relating to 521a to either 522a or 510b depending on routing plan), and the radio device sends the second radio station identification information to identify the fourth radio station (fig. 6a, ¶: 36-38, 82-85, Gandolfo teaches 510a can communicate information relating to 522a to either 521a or 510b depending on routing plan).

Consider claim 18. The method in accordance with claim 17, Gandolfo discloses wherein the first radio station, after receiving the identification information identifying the third radio station, initializes the determination of a route between the first radio station and the third radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information), and the second radio station, after receiving the identification information identifying the fourth radio station, initializes the determination of a route between the second radio station and the fourth radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes,

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hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Consider claim 19. The method in accordance with 17, Gandolfo discloses wherein the third radio station initializes the determination of a route between the third radio station and the fourth radio station and/or the fourth radio station initializes the determination of a route between the fourth radio station and the third radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Consider claim 20. The method in accordance with claim 17, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device additionally sends the first radio station identification information identifying the fourth radio station and/or additionally sends the second radio station identification information identifying the third radio station and the first radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Consider claim 21. The method in accordance with claim 13, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device sends the first radio station identification information to identify a third radio station as the at least one carrier radio station (fig. 3, ¶: 65, Gandolfo teaches mobile devices may be connected with other devices, hence, first radio station may be interacting with a third radio station receiving identification information of the first radio station), and the radio device does not send the second radio station any identification information (fig. 3, ¶: 65,

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66 Gandolfo teaches mobile devices may be connected with other devices, hence, first radio station may be interacting with a third radio station receiving identification information of the first radio station, as stated in Gandolfo it is not pattern determining route of information):

between the relevant carrier radio station and another carrier radio station identified by the radio device (fig. 5, 8; ¶: 70-80, 108, 110, 112 Gandolfo teaches routing planning between device and multiple devices including hops and multi-hops), or between the relevant carrier radio station and the second radio station (fig. 5, 8; ¶: 70- 80, 108, 110, 112 Gandolfo teaches routing planning between device and multiple devices including hops and multi-hops).

Consider claim 24. The method in accordance with Claim 13, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device identifies at least a third radio station and a fourth radio station as carrier radio stations (fig. 6a-c, 8, ¶: 82-99, 108, 110, Gandolfo teaches method of identifying hops or radio carrier stations of information to the targeted device planning routing path), the radio device sends the first radio station identification information to identify the third radio station (fig. 6a, ¶: 36-38, 82-85, Gandolfo teaches 510a can communicate information relating to 521a to either 522a or 510b depending on routing plan), and the radio device sends the second radio station identification information to identify the fourth radio station (fig. 6a, ¶: 36-38, 82-85, Gandolfo teaches 510a can communicate information relating to 522a to either 521a or 510b depending on routing plan).

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Consider claim 25. The method in accordance with claim 24, Gandolfo discloses wherein the first radio station, after receiving the identification information identifying the third radio station, initializes the determination of a route between the first radio station and the third radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information), and the second radio station, after receiving the identification information identifying the fourth radio station, initializes the determination of a route between the second radio station and the fourth radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Consider claim 26. The method in accordance with 25, Gandolfo discloses wherein the third radio station initializes the determination of a route between the third radio station and the fourth radio station and/or the fourth radio station initializes the determination of a route between the fourth radio station and the third radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Consider claim 27. The method in accordance with claim 26, Gandolfo discloses wherein the radio device additionally sends the first radio station identification information identifying the fourth radio station and/or additionally sends the second radio station identification information identifying the third radio

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station and the first radio station (fig. 8, ¶: 108, 110, 112, Gandolfo teaches relay planning between devices and network nodes, hence, determining hops and next hop and relay pattern determining route of information).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **DIEGO HERRERA** whose telephone number is (571)272-0907. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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